

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Arguello et al.

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For: METHODS FOR SEPARATING AND/OR IDENTIFYING DNA MOLECULES

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action of October 5, 2001, for the above-referenced patent application, for three

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(3) months, from January 5, 2002, to April 5, 2002. The granting of the requested extension of time to April 5, 2002, will not extend the period for response beyond the six-month statutory limit. Enclosed is a check (No. 640735) for \$920.00 to cover the cost of extension in the large entity amount. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required with respect to this Petition, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

Respectfully submitted,

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